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Professor Theodosius Dobzhansky
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Dear Doby:

I am deeply honored by your letter of the thirtieth and its nomination for office in the Genetics Society. However, my very concern for the benefit of the society tells me to ask you to withdraw my name from nomination. I know something of the scope of the task from my association with Erwin and Brink. The task is not an onerous one, but the honor and its responsibilities should fall on a nominee who is better able, in point of time, to fulfill the obligations of the office to the membership of the society.

With cordial regards,

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

Air Mail